



BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
***FINANCE COMMITTEE – JANUARY 26, 2010***

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**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call - Finance Committee**

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present  
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present  
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Others present:  
Alderman John "Jack" Finn

**Public Session**

Alderman Kudej asked if any member of the public wished to address the committee. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue  
Member, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Mr. Crawford questioned the \$4,000 over-expenditure of the budget line item Rape Crisis Center in the Outside Agency Contributions category. He asked if the Finance Committee members have looked at the audit report on this issue, and asked if they had researched it with the Finance Department.

**ADD-ON**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add to the agenda as Item 8: Invoice – Election Sign Posts; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of November 24, 2009; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**2. March Statutory Refunds**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the Full Board that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$7,400.67 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13.00. SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Note – Approved, but before the next full Board meeting get an explanation.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**3. Funding for Professional Services for Civil War Memorial Design**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the Full Board to appropriate the sum of \$1,592.50 for Professional Services for the Civil War Memorial Design Review with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**4. Sheehy and Dillon Invoices**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the Full Board to approve Sheehy & Dillon invoices dated November 11, 2009 totaling \$4,242 with funding to come from Legal Services-Corporation Counsel Professional Services Account # 001-1900-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**5. Automatic Door Operator Request for Huntington Branch Library**

Sean Fields from the Huntington Branch Library was present to discuss. They went to bid – and received a low bid of \$3,882. This price is for three sets of doors.

Alderman Anglace noted that there is \$97,000 in the LOCIP account, and the bid price received is an excellent price. He would like the Finance Committee to visit the Branch Library and take a look at the proposed project. He also wants to talk to the Vendor to discuss items such as making sure the timing on the doors is coordinated and making sure it will work.

The Finance Committee will come and take a look at it. No action.

**6. Waiver of Bid Process to Purchase from Government Agencies**

Gene Sullivan, Purchasing Agent, was present to discuss getting authorization to waive the bid process so that the City could bid on larger-ticket items from the website <http://www.govdeals.com> .

Alderman Anglace noted that for years we've piggybacked off of the State bids, and looking into an option such as this holds plenty of merit. He noted that the Internet has opened up possibilities far beyond what the City has done in the past, however, the Charter must be followed when it comes to purchasing practices of the City.

The Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Sullivan work with Corporation Counsel Welch to incorporate such principles into the Charter.

No action.

**7. Rescission of Action made at October 8, 2009 Meeting – Item 9.8**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the Full Board the rescission of action made at the October 8, 2009 meeting regarding Item 9.8 Appropriation of Funds – Command Type Vehicles for Fire Department.

Further, move to recommend to the full board to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of a Fire Command Type vehicle and a lightning, striping and console package for the Fire Department with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter. SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**8. Election Sign Posts**

Alderman Anglace noted that he just received this item today. Apparently the Mayor received this invoice and is questioning the purchase of the easy fill packs (packages of stones) for the sign bases. The Mayor does not wish to purchase stone or sand as there is plenty of that around the City that could be had for free.

Alderman Finn (acting as Registrar of Voters) admittedly went ahead with the purchase before the signed purchase order was received from the Purchasing Agent. He noted, though, that he felt it inappropriate that this item come before the Finance Committee, and that the Mayor should have contacted him as a Department Head directly.

Alderman Anglace stated that because the 12 packs of stone had been shipped to the City without charge, and it would cost a considerable amount of money to ship them back, it would not be a wise decision to ship them back.

Alderman Finn noted for the record his feeling that this item was placed on the agenda only as a political move to embarrass him.

**Adjournment**

At approximately 8:05 p.m. Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen